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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Art Unit: 2622

Application No.: 10/625,567

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING CIRCUIT PROVIDING IMPROVED IMAGE QUALITY

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: February 8, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2007, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species IV, Figure 13. Claims 1, 2, 7-11, 13, 15 and 16 read on such species. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 9 and 10 are generic to all species.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to request rejoinder of any non-elected claims depending from an allowed generic claim as is permitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.


Also, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

This election is made **without traverse**.

In view of the Applicants' above election, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of elected Species IV, as currently recited in Claims 1, 2, 7-11, 13, 15 and 16 and shown in Figure 13, on the merits.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 108066-00091.

Respectfully submitted,


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